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POCKET MONSTERS SPECIAL
The Nineth Chapter
HEART GOLD & SOUL SILVER
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VS TOGEPI

He's going to give me information about Arceus
I'm waiting for a man called Lance
Oh... That man...
... Lance
Didn't you say that you wanted me to take you here because you want to challenge this place!?
Hey Gold, you didn't tell me anything about this!!
What the hell is Arceus!?
Who's this Lance!?
Why didn't you tell me anything about this!?
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if you want to complain, then complain to old man Oak!!
I couldn't say anything!!
Owwww! Sorry, Whitney!!

That's right. He told me to come here
Professor Oak?
You can't be talking about that respected scholar...
Old man Oak?

the Goldenrod Radio Tower...
Hm? The Burned Tower, the Lake of Rage,
look at these photos!
That geezer told me to come to his lab...
Gold, I called you here for an important matter!
Professor Oak's Second Lab
No!!
I don't want to look at the photos of your tour around Johto, gramps

Look at these guys!!
It's Team Rocket!!
They've been seen all over Johto recently!!
They must be up to no good!!
Right, Elm!?
Yes!
Gold, what Professor Oak is saying
is that Team Rocket might be trying to get back on its feet and rebuild itself
What a stubborn bunch
The Pokemon Association and Violet City Police have been chasing them down, but someone sent me important information
Here!

Hey, just watch the message!
Wow! It's a hologram!! I've never seen one before!!
Ohh!!
I believe this is the first time we have met
Professor Oak, my name is Lance
I'm sure that you are cautious towards me, but even then I want to ask a favor of you
the legendary Alpha Pokemon,
Arceus!!
This time, their target is
Team Rocket is starting to make a comeback

I will meet him or her there at the Pokeathlon Dome on...
I want to ask you to send to me a trainer to whom you have entrusted a Pokedex with
I want to tell you everything I know about Arceus
Get everything he knows about Arceus! Don't be late!!
Now, be off with you!
I see. So that's why you called for me...
WHAT!?
but I couldn't get in contact with Silver, and Crys is busy at the Trainer House
mumble...
I already tried,
Jeez, this is such a chore
Why don't you ask Silver or Crys?
Well, Gold, just think of this as a chance to play at the new attraction.../
J-Just already!
So you only called me because you had no choice, you old geezer!?

But you're just a substi-tute
But you're just a substi-tute
But you're just a substi-tute
But you're just a substi-tute
But you're just a substi-tute
The most respected scholar begged me to come here, so I had to keep it top secret
Well, that's how things went

Wah !!
I know, right....
Yea
But then it's should be about time
For that Lance person to finally show up

From the sea ...!!
Some-thing's coming!
From under-ground ...! No!!
Wh-What, Mr. Koga!?

A D-D-D-D-Dragonite!?
Kyah!!
Uwah!!

You too, Mary ....!!
This is an emergency situation!! Everyone, please evacuate!!
What in the world is this !?
It's a Dragonite!! A Dragonite is attacking the dome!!
We need to stop it!!!
Oh no!!

What an explosive "Hyper Beam"!!
No!! And we released our Pokemon so close up, too...!!
Uwah!!

Ahh !!
Huh!?
Wah!!
Gold !?
Th-This is bad, Gold!!

D-Do you even have a plan, Gold!?
Of course!!
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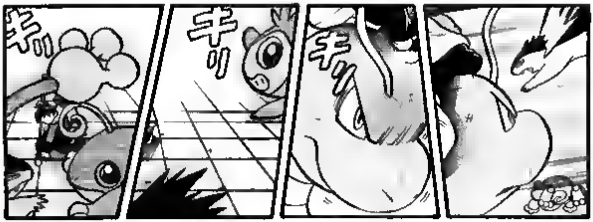
Hyah-hhh!!
Ninja geezer
and Captain Protein
So tell me when it's looks like
he's going to shoot !!
The best move that that Dragonite has is "Hyper Beam", right?
I'll use Ataro and gang to make him aim at me
What !?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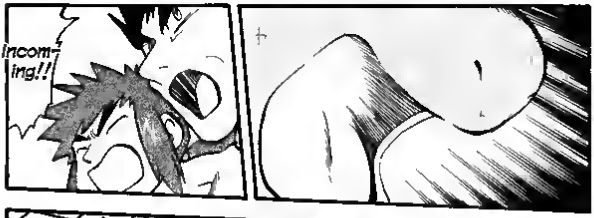
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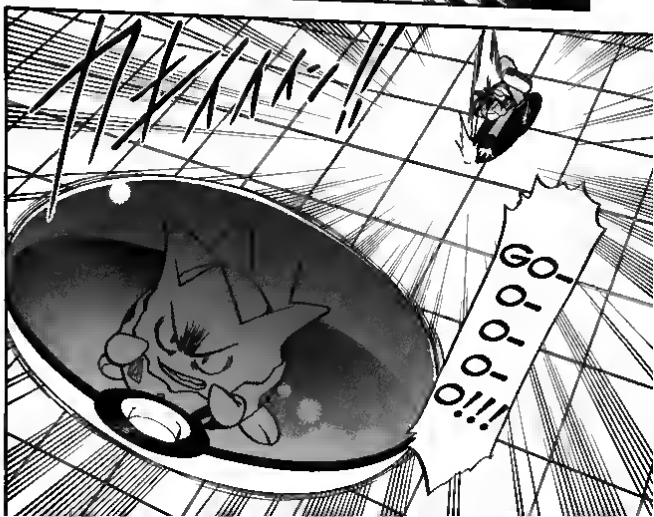
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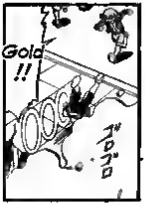
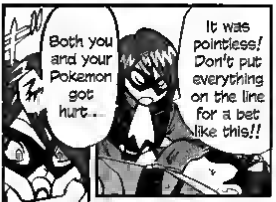
GO-O-O-O-O!!!


Gold!!


Both you and your Pokemon got hurt...
It was pointless! Don't put everything on the line for a bet like this!!

But...!!
So he was trying to open the ball in the Dragonite's face right after it shoots, huh!!

Shut up
I only bet if I know I'll win

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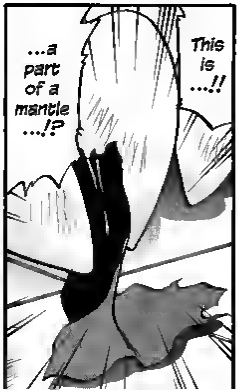
That was perfect, Togetaro!
What was that? Did Togepi get out before "Hyper Beam" hit the ball?
No
There's no doubt that the ball took the beam,
but
until right before the ball broke
and until it was almost touching Dragonite,
Togepi withstood the "Hyper Beam"

Hehehe, what do you think
about Togetaro's naughty spirit!?

Look
Hey, I calculated this out, okay

The Pokemon are just as reckless as their trainer
To go right into the opponent's beam...

Yeah, this Dragonite probably belongs to that Lance guy
This means that...!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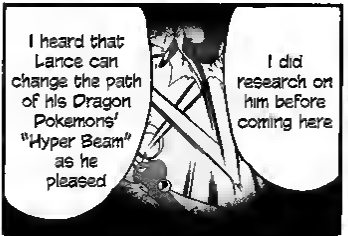
...a part of a mantle ...!?


I heard that Lance can change the path of his Dragon Pokemons' "Hyper Beam" as he pleased
I did research on him before coming here

Yep
I see. So you came up with that plan only because you knew the path of the beams and how much your Togepi had to endure
Then I realized that that might be because his trainer isn't around
But just now, this Dragonite's "Hyper Beam" only went in a straight line
Yeah. As a former colleague of Lance, if this is his Pokemon,
Looks like it was in a battle before coming here
But this Dragonite sure is beaten up
After getting attacked and losing his master, Dragonite went on a rampage
That's why only his Dragonite is here and not himself
then I'm afraid that Lance may have been attacked on his way here
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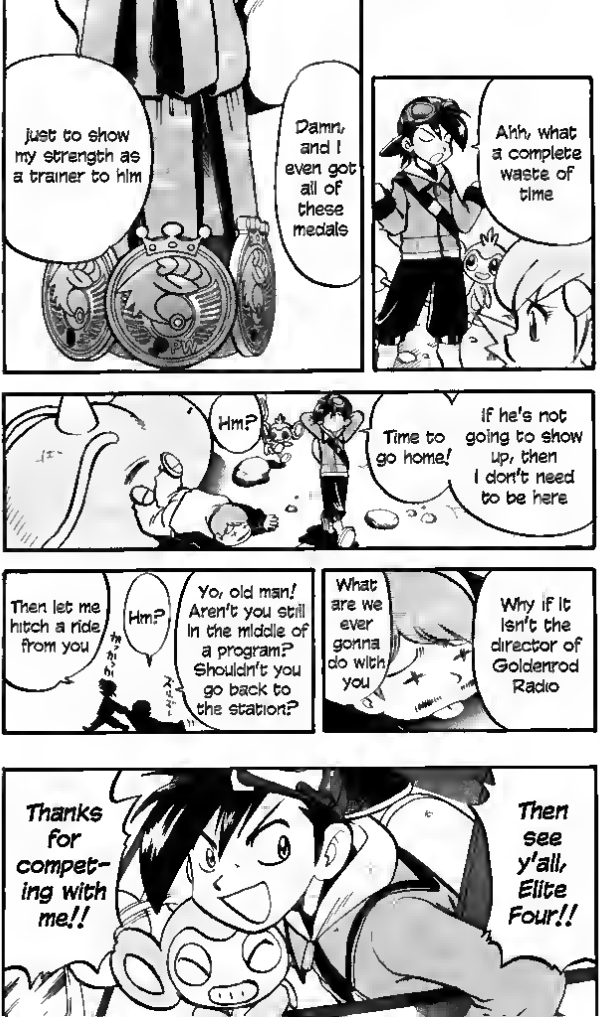
just to show my strength as a trainer to him
Damn, and I even got all of these medals
Ahh, what a complete waste of time
Hm?
Time to go home!
If he's not going to show up, then I don't need to be here
Then let me hitch a ride from you
Hm?
Yo, old man! Aren't you still in the middle of a program? Shouldn't you go back to the station?
What are we ever gonna do with you
Why if it isn't the director of Goldenrod Radio
Thanks for competing with me!!
Then see y'all, Elite Four!!

were once part of the Kanto Elite Four.
... Lance and I
It was fun for us too, Gold
I see. Then?
While we couldn't resolve our differences and proceeded down different paths, I still respect him as a powerful trainer
Al-right
If you ever meet him again, give this back to him
but it looks like it still has faint memories of me
It was hard to get it back into the ball,
It's his Drago-nite

See ya!!
So long!!
The leftovers from the souvenirs I bought along the way!
Then let me give you some gifts too!
Violet Cookies,
Azalea Dango,
and Rage-Candy-Bars...
Let's see
Hm...
MMMH-HMMM-MMM!?
Wait up!!
This is good! This is too good!! Everything else that I've ever eaten pales in comparison to this!!

Gold, are you fine with this!?
Are you going to ignore Professor Oak's orders,
the rumors about Team Rocket, and the fact that this Lance person is missing,
and just go home!!?
Whitney
Now look here,
All I know
I don't really care about him
I've never even met Lance before
Wh...!
Things like that are why we have the police
Even the most powerful trainer in this region and those two famous professors are worried about it
is that I really want to see
this "Arceus" Pokemon

Head to Ecru-teak!!
I changed my mind!!
Hey, watch it
Oh yea, old man!! Turn back, turn back!! Change of plans!!
Whitney!!
See ya,
We've gotta go there!!
I hear that there are a bunch of cute kimono dancers there!!
Idiot!
What an...